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SUBJ: PLAN TO ALLEVIATE POSSIBLE UNEMPLOYMENT
IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES

REF: JERUSALEM 2159, TEL AVIV 7186

1. PLAN TO ALLEVIATE POSSIBLE UNEMPLOYMENT
IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES WAS RECENTLY OUTLINED
TO EMBOFF BY SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO GOI LABOR
MINISTER, SHLOMO AMIR.
PROPOSAL NOW UNDER DISCUSSION WITH MILITARY
GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES PRIMARILY INVOLVES PRE-
PARATION OF CONTINGENCY PROGRAM OF PUBLIC WORKS
IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES TO ABSORB UP TO 30,000
WORKERS.

2. AMIR STRESSED THAT NO ONE AT THIS STAGE CAN
ESTIMATE WITH ANY DEGREE OF CONFIDENCE EXTENT
OF UNEMPLOYMENT WHICH MAY DEVELOP IN ISRAEL OR
IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES DURING NEXT YEAR. THERE
HAVE BEEN SOME LAYOFFS RECENTLY OF ARAB WORKERS
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FROM OCCUPIED TERRITORIES EMPLOYED IN ISRAEL,

BUT LABOR MINISTRY EMPLOYMENT SERVICE
IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES GENERALLY CAN PROVIDE
NEW JOBS. DEMAND FOR WORKERS STILL EXCEEDS
REGISTERED JOB-SEEKERS NOT EMPLOYED, ACCORDING
TO AMIR. EXACT FIGURES ON LAYOFFS NOT AVAILABLE BUT NUMBERS
NOT LARGE RELATIVE TO TOTAL EMPLOYMENT. EM-
PLOYMENT OF ARABS FROM OCCUPIED TERRITORIES IN ISRAEL DURING SECOND
QUARTER 1974 OFFICIALLY SET AT 68,000, COMPARED
TO 59,000 AVERAGE FOR 1973. THIRD QUARTER
EMPLOYMENT TENTATIVELY ESTIMATED AT SLIGHTLY
OVER 70,000.

3. DESPITE UNCERTAINTY OF FUTURE EMPLOYMENT
SITUATION, AMIR STRESSED NEED TO BEGIN CONTINGENCY
PUBLIC WORKS PLANNING NOW IN ORDER TO BE READY
TO QUICKLY ALLEVIATE POTENTIAL UNREST IN OCCUPIED
TERRITORIES WHICH WOULD BE EXACERBATED BY UN-
EMPLOYMENT.
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